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For: EARTH LEAKAGE PROTECTION DEVICE AND ELECTRICAL
SWITCHGEAR UNIT COMPRISING SUCH A DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a French Search Report bearing a mailing date of October 15, 2003, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

A further concise explanation of the relevance of EP '280, as

authorized by applicants' French representative, is also attached hereto.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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